

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:195
ANSWERED ON:12.03.2007
PRODUCTION OF STEEL
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the target fixed for steel production particularly with reference to Jharkhand during the next five years;
- (b) the policy of the Government with regard to providing the iron ore required for the purpose;
- (c) whether any proposal in this regard has been received from the SAIL;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a)to(e): A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) TO (E) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 195 TO BE ANSWERED ON 12TH MARCH, 2007 TABLED BY SHRI VIJOY KRISHNA, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING PRODUCTION OF STEEL

(a) No target has been fixed for steel production in Jharkhand by the Ministry of Steel. However, Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) have been entered into between the State Government of Jharkhand and private sector entrepreneurs.

(b) Iron ore mining leases are allocated by the concerned State Governments after taking the approval of the Ministry of Mines, Government of India.

(c)&(d): Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL) has, at present, one Integrated Steel Plant at Bokaro in Jharkhand and SAIL intends to increase the crude steel capacity of Bokaro Steel Plant (BSL) from the present level of 4.2 Million Tonnes Per Annum (MTPA) (2005-06) to 7 MTPA by 2010. In addition, plans are also being formulated to set-up a Green Field Steel Plant initially for 6 MTPA and to be expanded further.

For the expansion plan of Bokaro Steel Plant and the new green field steel plant in Jharkhand, Chiria and Gua mines are proposed to be the main source for iron ore. SAIL has applied for renewal of mining leases of Chiria to the Government of Jharkhand.

(e) Ministry of Steel and SAIL have held several meetings with the Government of Jharkhand for early renewal of mining leases in Chiria and Gua in favour of SAIL. Final outcome is awaited.